



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

J.F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203-2211

October 29, 1992

Mr. William Poorvu
c/o Mr. Jonathon Poorvu
Chapelbridge Park Associates
55 Chapel Street
Newton, MA 02158

Superfund Records Center
SITE: 80/90 Bridge Street
BREAK: 1.1
OTHER: 596618



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Dear Mr. Poorvu:

This is to advise you that on January 8, 1992, the Cecil H. Wrightson, Inc. property, located at 90 Bridge Street in Newton, MA, was listed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's inventory of known or potential hazardous waste disposal areas. This inventory, called the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Information System, or CERCLIS, is part of EPA's Superfund program*, and is used to store information on all properties evaluated under the Superfund process.

The possibility that hazardous substances were released or disposed of at this property was brought to our attention by a citizen complaint. It is our understanding that you are the owner of this property, so we want you to be aware of this identification and of the future steps that we will be taking. I do want to emphasize that this does not mean that your property is now a Superfund site. Rather, as described below, there is a lengthy process to evaluate whether there is in fact a problem and whether that problem is serious enough to become a Superfund site.

The Superfund program has established guidelines and procedures for responding to releases or potential releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into the environment. Under the Superfund program, the actual or potential threat to public health or the environment posed by a site is evaluated by means of a series of site investigations which increase successively in scope and level of detail.

The first step in the Site Assessment process, a Preliminary Assessment, will be completed within one year from the date of entry into CERCLIS. The Preliminary Assessment consists of a compilation of records, reports, and information regarding the identification, nature and quantity of materials which have been

* Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (42 U.S. C.A. 9601 et seq)



or are generated, treated, stored, or disposed of at a property, the nature or extent of a release or threatened release from the property, and a reconnaissance of the property. Based upon the findings of this initial study, EPA will determine whether a Site Inspection, the next step in the Site Assessment process, is necessary. Site Inspections typically involve the collection of additional background information concerning waste handling and disposal practices, and the collection of environmental samples.


Properties which are determined to pose threats to human health or the environment as a result of actual or potential releases of hazardous substances will be further evaluated for possible inclusion on EPA's National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is the list of the nation's most serious hazardous waste disposal sites, for which Superfund resources may be used to facilitate clean-up.

Most properties listed on the CERCLIS inventory will not be proposed for inclusion on the NPL. The percentage of sites which have historically gone on to be listed on the NPL has been between 5% and 10% of those assessed. Sites that EPA decides do not warrant moving further in the process are given a "Site Evaluation Accomplished (SEA)" designation in CERCLIS. The SEA designation does not necessarily mean that there is no hazard associated with a given location, but rather that, based upon available information, no additional Federal steps will be taken at the site. Sites with a SEA designation are referred to the State for further consideration and possible remedial action under State programs.

Sites are not removed from the CERCLIS inventory after completion of evaluation in order to document that these evaluations took place and preclude the possibility that they be needlessly repeated. Inclusion of a specific site or area in CERCLIS carries no legal or regulatory consequence.

If you have any questions regarding the Superfund Site Assessment process, please contact Nancy Smith of my staff at (617) 573-9697.

Sincerely,



Merrill S. Hohman, Director
Waste Management Division

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